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TAGS: PGOV SHUM CI

SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION

REF: SANTIAGO 3977

1. LOCAL MEDIA TREATMENT OF THE PROPPER VISIT DROPPED IN VOLUME AND EMOTIONAL TONE MAY 26. BOTH PROPPER AND BARCELLA DEPARTED SANTIAGO THE EVENING OF MAY 25. DAILY "LA TERCERA" CARRIED THE HEADLINE "PROPPER LEAVES EMPTY-HANDED," BUT THE INSIDE STORIES WERE LOW-KEY AND INCLUDED A COMMENT FROM USG LAWYER ETCHEBERRY THAT PROPPER WAS SATISFIED WITH RESULTS OF THIS VISIT. ETCHEBERRY ALSO TOLD NEWSMEN THAT PROPPER WILL DECIDE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS WHAT NEW STEPS TO TAKE AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, AND ADDED THAT HE DID NOT THINK PROPPER WOULD BE RETURNING TO CHILE. GOC-OWNED "EL CRONISTA" ALMOST TOTALLY DROPPED THE PROPPER VISIT, BUT DID INCLUDE A SHORT ACCOUNT OF ETCHEBERRY'S COMMENTS.

2. FBI AGENTS CORNICK AND SCHERRER, WHO DEPART SANTIAGO THIS EVENING, TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THEY WOULD ANSWER THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTIONS POSED BY THIRD CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE CARMEN CANALES (PARA 4 OF REFTL) PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. THEY STATED THAT THEY WISHED TO RESPOND TO AND COLLABORATE WITH THE CHILEAN JUDICIARY, THUS SHOWING THAT COOPERATION WAS A TWO-WAY STREET. (COMMENT: THE RESPONSES OF SCHERRER AND CORNICK WERE DELIVERED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 26, FOR TRANS-

MITTAL TO JUDGE CANALES).  
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